

One More Classic Book List for Younger Readers:

[Madeline](#) (Jan 1939)

By: Bemelmans, Ludwig, 1898-1962

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.

Lexile: 480 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction

Ages 0-8

[Stone soup: an old tale](#) (Jan 1986)

By: Brown, Marcia

When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and all the town enjoys a feast.

Lexile: 480 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Nonfiction

Ages 0-8

[The story of Babar: the little elephant](#) (Jan 1961)

By: Brunhoff, Jean de, 1899-1937

An orphaned baby elephant goes to live in the city with an elderly woman who gives him everything he wants, but he eventually returns to the forest where he is crowned king the elephants.

Popularity:

Fiction

Ages 0-8

[The little house](#) (Jan 1942)

By: Burton, Virginia Lee, 1909-1968

A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

Lexile: 890 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction

Ages 0-8

[Strega Nona: an old tale](#) (Jan 1975)

By: De Paola, Tomie

When Stega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Lexile: 800

Popularity:

Nonfiction	Ages 0-8
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[Drummer Hoff](#) (Oct 1967)

By: Emberley, Barbara

A cumulative folk song in which seven soldiers build a magnificent cannon, but Drummer Hoff fires it off.

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 0-8
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[Corduroy](#) (Jan 1968)

By: Freeman, Don, 1908-1978

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 0-8
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[The little red hen](#) (Jan 1973)

By: Galdone, Paul, 1914-1986

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.

Lexile: 510

Popularity:

Nonfiction	Ages 0-8
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[Little Red Riding Hood](#) (Jan 1983)

By: Hyman, Trina Schart

On her way to deliver a basket of food to her sick grandmother, Elisabeth encounters a sly wolf.

Lexile: 800

Popularity:

Nonfiction Ages 9-12

Harold and the purple crayon (Jan 1955)

By: Johnson, Crockett, 1906-1975

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Whistle for Willie (Sep 1964)

By: Keats, Ezra Jack

A little boy wishes so much he could whistle.

Lexile: 410 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

The carrot seed (May 1945)

By: Krauss, Ruth

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants.

Lexile: 230 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

The story of Ferdinand (Jan 1936)

By: Leaf, Munro, 1905-1976

Story of a gentle bull that refuses to participate in a bullfight.

Lexile: 710 Nonconforming text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Swimmy (Jan 1963)

By: Lionni, Leo, 1910-1999

The transformation of a shy, timid fish into a clever and courageous leader.

Lexile: 640 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Frog and Toad are friends (Jun 1970)

By: Lobel, Arnold

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends-Frog and Toad.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Little Bear (Jan 1957)

By: Minarik, Else Holmelund

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

The keeping quilt (Jan 1988)

By: Polacco, Patricia

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Lexile: 920

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

The complete adventures of Peter Rabbit (Jan 1982)

By: Potter, Beatrix, 1866-1943

A collection of the four stories relating all the adventures of Peter Rabbit and his mischievous cousin, Benjamin Bunny. Included are "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny," "The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies," and "The Tale of Mr. Tod."

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Where the wild things are (Jan 1963)

By: Sendak, Maurice

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Lexile: 740 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

The cat in the hat (Sep 1957)

By: Seuss, Dr

Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 0-8

Sylvester and the magic pebble (Jan 1969)

By: Steig, William, 1907-2003

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Lexile: 700 Adult-directed text

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

Owl moon (Oct 1987)

By: Yolen, Jane

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

Lexile: 630

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 0-8
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